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To: All Kentucky Vaccine Program Providers

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Subject: VTrckS and CDC Changes

The primary purpose of this communication is to provide you with information on several changes that are being implemented by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) regarding the VTrckS vaccine ordering system.

October 1st, 2013

The CDC, in an effort to enhance accountability and to support continued use of CDC vaccine contracts and distribution mechanisms for state vaccine purchases, is making several changes to the VTrckS system that will be implemented nationally as of October 1, 2013. Rest assured that these changes will not impact your ability to order and receive vaccine from the Kentucky Immunization Program, Vaccine Accountability Section (VAS) but nevertheless we wanted to make you aware of them.

Packing Slips

The packing slip you will receive from McKesson beginning with your October vaccine order will include a breakdown of each vaccine ordered by funding source (VFC, 317, CHIP or KCHIP, or State). The breakdown is based on patient population data that was reported from your office on your 2013 Provider Profile. For example, if you order 10 doses of MMR vaccine the packing slip may indicate that 7 doses are for VFC (Medicaid or uninsured), 3 doses are for KCHIP. These numbers represent the specific patients whom the vaccine is intended for (7 doses for VFC patients, 3 doses for a KCHIP patient). Not all providers receive vaccine from all funding sources.

- Private Doctor Office's or VFC Providers with PINs starting with "D": receive VFC and KCHIP only.
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQ PINs), Rural Health Clinics (RH PINs) and all local health departments (except Fayette County) can also see underinsured patients. Underinsured at these sites are VFC funded. For other than the birth dose of Hepatitis B, underinsured may only be seen at these sites
- Hospitals may have doses from all categories but KCHIP.
- Health Departments (H) can have from all funding sources.
- All other providers will have various funding depending on their Provider Profiles.

Please remember when you receive the shipment to review the packing slip to make sure you received every vaccine and the correct number of doses. If you do not have the correct amount we must tell McKesson within 2 hours of receiving the shipment. Call VAS at (502) 564-4478 IMMEDIATELY if when comparing the packing slip and shipment there are any differences.

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Reminder: Please do not fax or mail the packing slip to the program. The only time we should receive a packing slip is if there is a problem with the shipment.

Borrowing Forms

In the past, CDC has allowed borrowing but will no longer allow providers to borrow back and forth between funds of vaccines. Per CDC this practice must stop immediately. All providers MUST check eligibility BEFORE giving any vaccination so you will know if that child is eligible for VFC or private at your site. If you are out of a specific VFC vaccine then the VFC patient cannot receive that immunization that day. You will need to recall when that vaccine arrives at your site. It is the same for your private vaccines. You can no longer borrow VFC vaccine and pay it back when your shipment arrives.

Transfer Forms:

Providers must call for approval before transferring vaccines to another site.

Doses Administered

On the Order Form "Doses Given" is actual doses given to a patient. If a dose is wasted, transferred in or out, spoiled, expired etc. it must be put in the column that is labeled "transfer/expired doses". The Return and Adjustment Form must be sent in with the order form for anything put in the "transfer/expired doses" column so we will know what happened to the vaccines. It is also a good idea to write - or + in that column so we can tell if you add or subtracted from your inventory. Remember every dose must be accounted for on this form.

I realize the past few months have been extremely challenging for all of you with the continued vaccine shortages, back to school rush, and beginning of influenza season. All of us at the Kentucky Immunization Program appreciate your patience and understanding and want you to know that we are doing everything possible to minimize the impact these changes will have to your practice.

Please direct questions or concerns to the following personnel at (502) 564-4478:

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